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**Hate campaign of Sangh Parivar against Minorities**

1900. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the All India Christian Council in its emergency meeting held at Chennai in June, 2000 has attributed the 300-odd incidents of violence against Christians and Churches in India during the last two years, to the hate campaign launched by the Sangh Parivar; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken against the Sangh Parivar and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The All India Christian Council had organized a free medical camp at the Music Academy, Chennai on 05.06.2000 as part of their programme 'Compassion 2000'. Convenor of the United Christian Forum of Human Rights while speaking on the occasion had mentioned about the incidents of violence against the Christians and their institutions.

(b) The activities of all organizations having a bearing on the maintenance of peace and communal harmony are under constant watch of the law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken where necessary.